

To whom it may concern,
I'd like to request that petition 04-160 be rejected. I subscribed to XM Radio to listen to unrestricted news and entertainment. The traffic information is excellent, and I now hear that FCC may bar XM Radio from carrying this valuable information. This will not help the people that have purchased these radios. It is obvious that the local radio stations don't want the Satellite radio companies to prosper. They would like to hold back technology for their own benefit. The sad fact is that in time they too will go the way of the Horse Buggy whip maker. The FCC should concern themselves with taking meter readings and stay out of the First Amendment issues. Also, you can leave Howard Stern alone. The FCC should be locating pirate radio transmissions, and let the public determine what the markets will endure. This reminds me of the Adam Smith quote that speaks about the invisible hand that drives economies, from The Wealth of Nations. Here is the exact quote, ""As every individual, therefore, endeavors as much as he can both to employ his capital in the support of domestic industry, and so to direct that industry that its produce may be of the greatest value; every individual necessarily labours to render the annual revenue of the society as great as he can. He generally, indeed, neither intends to promote the public interest, nor knows how much he is promoting it. By preferring the support of domestic to that of foreign industry, he intends only his own security; and by directing that industry in such a manner as its produce may be of the greatest value, he intends only his own gain, and he is in this, as in many other cases, led by an invisible hand to promote an end which was no part of his intention. Nor is it always the worse for the society that it was no part of it. By pursuing his own interest he frequently promotes that of the society more effectually than when he really intends to promote it. I have never known much good done by those who affected to trade for the public good. It is an affectation, indeed, not very common among merchants, and very few words need be employed in dissuading them from it." You should read that book; it might help you see your errors in restricting XM Radio.

Respectfully,
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